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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of:

Christopher O. Okunji, et al.

Serial No.:

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Filing Date:

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For:

PLANT-DERIVED ANTI-PARASITIC

AND ANTIFUNGAL COMPOUNDS AND METHODS OF EXTRACTING

THE COMPOUNDS

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

Washington DC 20231

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 2, 2000, applicants hereby elect the claims identified by the examiner as Group I (claims 1-12 claiming a biologically active extract) without traverse. Applicants also elect the species *Napoleonaea imperialis*. Applicants expressly reserve their right under 35 U.S.C. 121 to file a divisional application directed to the non-elected claims. Furthermore, applicants respectfully request examination of the elected subject matter on its merits.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge all fees pertaining to extensions of time (as set forth in the attached petition) and any other fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, or credit any overpayment, to U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command Deposit Account No. 210380.

Please send all correspondences to: Elizabeth Arwine, Esq.; Office of the Staff Judge Advocate; U.S. Army Medical Research & Materiel Command; 504 Scott Street; Fort Detrick, MD 21702-5012; Attn: MCMR-JA (Ms. Arwine).

Please direct any questions regarding this case to Abanti B. Singla at (301) 663-1159.

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Sincerely,

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